

TITLE 317. OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
CHAPTER 30. MEDICAL PROVIDERS-FEE FOR SERVICE
SUBCHAPTER 5. INDIVIDUAL PROVIDERS AND SPECIALTIES
PART 110. INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES, TRIBAL PROGRAMS, AND
URBAN INDIAN CLINICS (I/T/Us)

317:30-5-1085. General provisions

(a) Indian Health Services (IHS) provide health care to Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) eligible American Indian and Alaska Natives (AI/AN). The IHS is a division of the Department of Health and Human Services that administers a system of hospitals and Indian health outpatient services. Urban Indian Clinics are considered facilities of the IHS. Under the Indian Self-Determination Act, Public Law 93-638, as amended, Tribes may also provide health care to CDIB eligible AI/ANs.

(b) The rules at OAC 317:30-3 apply to IHS, Tribal, and Urban Indian facilities. Additionally, unless otherwise stated, all other ~~Medicaid~~ SoonerCare rules apply to IHS, Tribal, and Urban Indian facilities.

317:30-5-1086. Eligible I/T/U providers

Indian Health Services, Tribal Programs, and Urban Indian Clinics (I/T/Us) are considered eligible for participation in the ~~Medicaid~~ SoonerCare Program. To receive ~~Medicaid~~ SoonerCare reimbursement, an I/T/U must have a current contract on file with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA). OHCA recognizes that I/T/Us are the payer of last resort, and are not considered creditable health insurance.

317:30-5-1087. Terms and definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this Part, shall have the following meaning, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) **"American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN)"** means an individual of Native American descent who has or is eligible for a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) card.

(2) **"Behavioral Health services"** means professional medical services for the treatment of a mental health and/or addiction disorder(s).

(3) **"CFR"** means the Code of Federal Regulations.

(4) **"CMS"** means the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

(5) **"Encounter"** means a face to face contact between a health care professional and a CDIB card eligible ~~Medicaid~~ SoonerCare ~~recipient~~ member for the provision of medically necessary Title XIX or Title XXI covered services through an IHS or Tribal 638

facility or an urban Indian clinic within a 24-hour period ending at midnight, as documented in the patient's record.

(6) ~~"Mental Health Professional (MHP)"~~ **"Licensed Behavioral Health Professional (LBHP)"** means a licensed psychologist, licensed clinical social worker (LSW-C), licensed marital and family therapist (LMFT), licensed professional counselor (LPC), licensed behavioral practitioner (LBP) or licensed alcohol and drug counselor (LADC).

(7) **"OHCA"** means the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

(8) **"OMB rate"** means the Medicaid reimbursement rate negotiated between CMS and IHS. These Inpatient and outpatient Medicaid reimbursement rates for I/T/Us are published annually in the Federal Register or Federal Register Notices. ~~It~~ The outpatient rate is also known as the I/T/U encounter rate. The encounter rate is available only to I/T/U facilities that appear on the IHS maintained listing of IHS-operated and Indian health care facilities operating under a 638 agreement. It is the sole responsibility of the facility to petition IHS for placement on this list.

(9) **"Physician"** means a doctor of medicine or osteopathy legally authorized to practice medicine and surgery ~~by the state in which the function is performed~~ or who is a licensed physician employed by the Federal Government in an IHS facility or who provides services in a 638 Tribal Facility.

(10) **"State Administering Agency (SAA)"** is the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

(11) **"638 Tribal Facility"** is a facility that is operated by a tribe or tribal organization and funded by Title I or Title III of the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act (Public Law 93-638).

317:30-5-1088. I/T/U provider participation requirements

(a) I/T/Us must either directly employ or contract the services of legally credentialed professional staff that are authorized within their scope of practice under state law to provide the services for which claims are submitted to ~~Medicaid~~ SoonerCare; or I/T/U Physicians may meet all requirements for employment by the Federal Government as a physician and be employed by the Federal Government in an IHS facility or affiliated with a 638 Tribal Facility.

(b) The facility is required to report professional staff contracted or employed by the I/T/U to the OHCA. Participating I/T/Us are required to submit a list of names of all practitioners working within the facility and a list of all individual OHCA provider and National Provider Identifier (NPI) numbers. The reimbursement for the services rendered at or on behalf of the I/T/U will be made to the facility.

(c) The following professional staff ~~practitioners~~ are recognized by OHCA:

- (1) Physicians;
- (2) Licensed Physician Assistants;
- (3) Dentists;
- (4) Pharmacists;
- (5) Advanced Nurse Practitioners Practice Nurses (APNs) which include:

- (A) Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNPs);
- (B) Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs);
- (C) Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs); and
- (D) Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNSs);

~~(6) Certified Nurses Midwives;~~

~~(7) Other specialized nurse practitioners;~~

~~(8) (6) Registered nurses under the supervision of a licensed physician; and~~

~~(9) (7) Other certified or licensed health care professionals or para professionals Practitioners who are actively and regularly receiving board approved supervision, or those receiving extended supervision by a fully licensed clinician if board's supervision requirement is met but the individual is not yet fully licensed for the services that are within the practitioner's scope of practice. This includes including but is not limited to:~~

~~(A) licensed clinical social workers (LSW-C);~~

~~(B) marital and family therapists (LMFT);~~

~~(C) licensed professional counselors (LPC);~~

~~(D) licensed behavioral practitioners (LBP); and~~

~~(E) licensed alcohol and drug counselors (LADC) for the services that are within the practitioner's scope of practice.~~

317:30-5-1090. Provision of other health services outside of the I/T/U encounter

(a) An I/T/U outpatient facility may provide other items and services which are not part of an encounter. If covered, these services are separately billable to the Medicaid SoonerCare program. Coverage of services will be based upon medical necessity and the scope of coverage under the Medicaid SoonerCare program and subject to any limitations, restrictions or prior authorization requirements.

(b) Medically necessary Medicaid SoonerCare covered services that are not included in the I/T/U outpatient encounter rate may be billed outside the encounter rate within the scope of the Medicaid SoonerCare fee-for-service rate. ~~For non-emergency transportation, refer to OAC 317:35-3-2.~~ Examples of these services include but are not limited to:

- (1) pharmaceuticals/drugs;
- (2) durable medical equipment;
- (3) glasses;
- (4) ambulance;
- (5) home health; ~~and~~
- (6) inpatient physician practitioner services;
- (7) non-emergency transportation [refer to OAC 317:35-3-2];
- (8) behavioral health case management [refer to OAC 317:30-5-585 through 317:30-5-589 and OAC 317:30-5-595 through 317:30-5-599];
- (9) psychosocial rehabilitative services [refer to OAC 317:30-5-240 through 317:30-5-248]; and
- (10) psychiatric residential treatment facility services [refer to OAC 317:30-5-96.3].

(c) If the I/T/U facility chooses to provide other Medicaid SoonerCare State Plan covered health services which are not included in the I/T/U encounter definition, those service providers must be contracted with OHCA and bill for those services under their assigned provider number consistent with program coverage limitations and billing procedures described by the OHCA.

317:30-5-1091. Definition of I/T/U services

(a) As described in Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 136.11(a), the I/T/U services may include hospital and medical care, dental care, public health nursing and preventive care (including immunizations), and health examination of special groups such as school children.

(b) Further, Title 42 CFR 136.11(c) allows that the scope and availability of I/T/U services will depend upon the resources of the facility.

(c) I/T/U services may be covered when furnished to a patient at the clinic or other location, including a mobile clinic, or the patient's place of residence.

(d) I/T/U outpatient encounters include but are not limited to:

- (1) Physicians' services and supplies incidental to a physician's services;
- (2) Within limitations as to the specific services furnished, a doctor of dentistry or oral surgery, a doctor of optometry, or a doctor of podiatry [~~section~~ Section 1861(r) of the Act for specific limitations];
- (3) The services of a resident as defined in OAC 317:25-7-5(4) who meets the requirements for payment under SoonerCare and the supplies incidental to a resident's services;
- (4) Services of advanced practice nurses (APNs), physician assistants (PAs), certified nurse midwives ~~(NMs)~~ (CNMs), or specialized advanced practice nurse practitioners;

- (5) Services and supplies incidental to the services of APNs and PAs (including services furnished by certified nurse midwives);
- (6) Visiting nurse services to the homebound;
- (7) ~~Mental~~ Behavioral health professional services and services and supplies incidental to the services of ~~MHPs~~ LBHPs; and
- (8) Dental services.

317:30-5-1093. I/T/U visiting nurses services

(a) Visiting nurse services may be covered if:

~~(1) The I/T/U is located in an area in which the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has determined that there is a shortage of home health agencies;~~

~~(2)~~ (1) The services are rendered to a homebound individual;

~~(3)~~ (2) The services are furnished by a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or licensed vocational nurse who is employed by, or receives compensation for the services from the I/T/U; and

~~(4)~~ (3) The services are furnished under a written plan of treatment that is:

(A) established and reviewed at least every 60 days by a supervising physician of the I/T/U or established by a nurse practitioner, physician assistant, nurse midwife, or specialized nurse practitioner and reviewed at least every 60 days by a supervising physician; and

(B) signed by the nurse practitioner, physician ~~assistant~~ assistant, nurse midwife, specialized nurse practitioner, or the supervising physician of the clinic.

(b) The nursing care covered ~~by~~ in this ~~section~~ Section includes:

(1) Services that must be performed by a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or licensed vocational nurse if the safety of the patient is to be assured and the medically desired results achieved; and

(2) Personal care services, to the extent covered under Medicare as home health services. These services include helping the patient to bathe, to get in and out of bed, to exercise and to take medications.

(c) This benefit does not cover household and housekeeping services or other services that would constitute custodial care.

(d) For purposes of this ~~section~~ Section, homebound means an individual who is permanently or temporarily confined to his or her place of residence because of a medical or health condition. The individual may be considered homebound if he or she leaves the place of residence infrequently. For this purpose, place of

residence does not include a hospital or long term care facility.

317:30-5-1094. ~~Mental~~ Behavioral health services provided at I/T/Us

(a) ~~Mental~~ Behavioral health services that are primary, preventive, and therapeutic and ~~that~~ would be covered if provided in another setting may be provided by I/T/U providers. Services provided by an I/T/U (refer to OAC 317:30-5-241 for a description of services) must meet the same requirements as services provided by another provider. Services include:

- (1) Mental Health Assessment/Evaluation Testing;
- (2) Alcohol and/or Substance Abuse Services Assessment and Treatment Plan Development;
- (3) Crisis Intervention Services;
- (4) Medication Training and Support;
- (5) Individual/interactive Psychotherapy;
- (6) Group Psychotherapy; and
- (7) Family Psychotherapy.

(b) ~~Mental~~ Behavioral health professional therapy services are covered when provided in accordance with a documented individualized treatment plan, developed to treat the identified mental health and/or substance abuse disorder(s). A minimum of a 45 to 50 minute standard clinical session must be completed by an I/T/U in order to bill an encounter for the session.

(c) In order to support access to mental health services, these services may be provided in settings outside of the I/T/U. Offsite services must take place in a confidential setting.

(d) The outpatient behavioral health services' provider enrollment and reimbursement process in no way changes the OHCA's policy with regard to reimbursement of practitioners. Licensed clinical social workers (LSW-C), licensed marital and family therapists (LMFT), licensed professional counselors (LPC), licensed behavioral practitioners (LBP), and licensed alcohol and drug counselors (LADC) are not eligible for direct reimbursement as practitioners. Their services are compensable only when billed by their employers and when provided in those clinical settings in which they are currently approved to render services.

(e) For the provision of behavioral health related case management services, I/T/U providers must meet the requirements found at OAC 317:30-5-585 through 317:30-5-589 and OAC 317:30-5-595 through 317:30-5-599, and be contracted as such. The provision of these services is considered to be outside of the I/T/U encounter.

(f) For the provision of psychosocial rehabilitation services, I/T/U facilities meet the requirements found at OAC 317:30-5-240

through 317:30-5-248, and must contract as an outpatient behavioral health agency. ~~(Refer to OAC 317:30-5-240).~~ The provision of these services is considered to be outside of the I/T/U encounter.

317:30-5-1095. I/T/U services not compensable under outpatient encounters

(a) I/T/U services that are not compensable under outpatient encounters include:

- (1) group or mass information programs, health education classes, or group education activities, including media productions and publications;
- (2) vaccines covered by the Vaccines for Children program [refer to OAC 317:30-5-14(a)(1)]; ~~and~~
- (3) group or sports physicals and medical reports-;
- (4) drug samples or other prescription drugs provided to the clinic free of charge;
- (5) administrative medical examinations and report services;
and
- (6) gauze, band-aids, or other disposable products used during an office visit.

(b) Exclusions from the definition of I/T/U encounters include but are not limited to:

- (1) Durable medical equipment or medical supplies not generally provided during the course of a clinic visit such as diabetic supplies. ~~However, gauze, band aids, or other disposable products used during an office visit are considered as part of the cost of an encounter and cannot be billed separately under fee-for-service;~~
- (2) Pharmaceutical or biologicals not generally provided during the clinic visit. For example, sample medications are part of the encounter but dispensing a prescription is billed separately under the fee-for-service pharmacy program;
- (3) Other services that are not defined in this rule or the State Plan under Title XIX or Title XXI of the Social Security Act.
- (4) Eyeglasses (refer to OAC 317:30-5-450);
- (5) Emergency ambulance transportation (refer to OAC 317:30-5-335);
- (6) Non-emergency transportation;
- (7) Prosthetic devices (other than dental) which replace all or part of an internal body organ (including colostomy bags) and supplies directly related to colostomy care and the replacement of such devices;
- (8) ~~mental~~ Behavioral health rehabilitative services [see ~~317:30-5-241(a)(7)~~ OAC 317:30-5-241];
- (9) hearing aids; and

~~(10) administrative medical examinations and report services;
and~~

~~(11) drug samples or other prescription drugs provided to the
clinic free of charge.~~

(10) Behavioral health case management service [refer to OAC
317:30-585 through 317:30-589 and OAC 317:30-5-595 through
317:30-5-599].

317:30-5-1096. I/T/U off-site services

I/T/U covered services provided off-site or outside of the I/T/U setting are compensable when billed by the I/T/U. The I/T/U must have a written contract with the physician and other practitioners that specifies that the I/T/U will bill Medicaid SoonerCare for services provided off-site and how such providers will be compensated.

317:30-5-1098. I/T/U outpatient encounters

(a) I/T/U outpatient encounters that are billed to the OHCA must meet the definition in this ~~section~~ Section and are limited to services covered by the OHCA. These services include health services included in the State Plan under Title XIX or Title XXI of the Social Security Act.

(b) The following words and terms have the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) ~~The definition of an~~ An I/T/U outpatient encounter is a face-to-face contact between a health care professional and a CDIB card eligible Medicaid SoonerCare recipient member for the provision of Title XIX and Title XXI covered outpatient services in an ~~IHS or Tribal 638 facility or an Urban Indian I/T/U facility~~ within a 24-hour period ending at midnight, as documented in the patient's medical record.

(2) An I/T/U encounter means outpatient services that may be covered when furnished to a patient by employees of the I/T/U facility at the I/T/U facility or other location, including the patient's place of residence.

(c) The following services may be considered reimbursable encounters subject to the limitations of the Oklahoma ~~state plan~~ State Plan and include any related medical supplies provided during the course of the encounter:

- (1) Medical;
- (2) Diagnostic;
- (3) ~~Substance Abuse Assessment~~ Behavioral Health services [refer to OAC 317:30-5-1094];
- (4) Dental, Medical and Mental Health Screenings;
- (5) Vision;
- (6) Physical Therapy;
- (7) Occupational Therapy;

- (8) Podiatry;
- ~~(9) Mental Health;~~
- ~~(10) Alcohol and Drug;~~
- ~~(11) (9) Speech;~~
- ~~(12) (10) Hearing;~~
- ~~(13) (11) Visiting Nurse Services;~~
- ~~(14) (12) Other Title XIX or XXI services as allowed under OHCA's ~~Medicaid~~ SoonerCare State Plan and OHCA Administrative Rules;~~
- ~~(15) (13) Drugs or medication treatments provided during a clinic visit are part of the encounter rate. For example, a ~~elient~~ member has come into the clinic with high blood pressure and is treated at the clinic with a hypertensive drug or drug sample. Drug samples are included in the encounter rate. Prescriptions are not included in the encounter rate and must be billed through the pharmacy program by a qualified enrolled pharmacy;~~
- ~~(16) (14) Encounters with a registered professional nurse or a licensed practical nurse and related medical supplies (other than drugs and biologicals) furnished on a part-time or intermittent basis to home-bound ~~elients~~ members (~~limited to areas in which the Secretary has determined that there is a shortage of home health agencies (42 CFR 405.2417)~~, and any other health services covered by OHCA; and~~
- ~~(17) (15) I/T/U Multiple Outpatient Encounters.~~
- (A) OHCA will cover one medically necessary outpatient medical encounter per ~~elient~~ member per day unless if due to an emergency, the same ~~elient~~ member returns on the same day for a second visit with a different diagnosis. Then, a second encounter is allowed.
- (B) OHCA will cover one dental encounter per ~~elient~~ member per day regardless of how many procedures are done or how many providers are seen unless if due to an emergency, the same ~~elient~~ member returns on the same day for a second visit and has a different diagnosis. Then, a second encounter is allowed.
- (C) OHCA will cover one ~~mental~~ behavioral health professional outpatient encounter per ~~elient~~ member per day unless if due to an emergency, the same ~~elient~~ member returns on the same day for a second visit and has a different diagnosis. Then, a second encounter is allowed.
- (D) Each service must have distinctly different diagnoses in order to meet the criteria for multiple I/T/U outpatient encounters. For example, a medical visit and a dental visit on the same day are considered different services with distinctly different diagnoses.

(E) Similar services, even when provided by two different I/T/U health care practitioners, are not considered multiple encounters. Situations that would not be considered multiple encounters provided on the same date of service include, but are not limited to:

- (i) A well child check and an immunization;
- (ii) A preventive dental screen and fluoride varnish application in a single setting;
- (iii) A medical encounter with a mental health or addiction diagnosis on the same day as a mental health or addiction encounter;
- (iv) A mental health and addiction encounter with similar diagnosis;
- (v) Any time a ~~client~~ member receives only a partial service with one provider and partial service from another provider. This would be considered a ~~single~~ single encounter.

(d) More than one outpatient visit with a medical professional within a 24-hour period for distinctly different diagnoses may be reported as two encounters. This does not imply that if a ~~client~~ member is seen at a single office visit with multiple problems that multiple encounters can be billed. For example, a ~~client~~ member comes to the clinic in the morning for an immunization, and in the afternoon, the ~~client~~ member falls and breaks an arm. This would be considered multiple medical encounters and can be billed as two encounters. However, a ~~client~~ member who comes to the I/T/U facility for a prenatal visit in the morning and delivers in the afternoon would not be considered a distinctly different diagnosis and can only be billed as a single encounter.

(e) The following services may be considered as separate or multiple encounters when two or more services are provided on the same date of service with distinctly different diagnoses:

- (1) Medical Services;
- (2) Dental Services;
- (3) Mental Health ~~or~~ and addiction services ~~unless both services have with similar diagnoses, can only be billed as one encounter can be reported.~~ In addition, if the ~~client~~ member is also seen for a medical office visit with a mental health or addiction diagnosis, then it is considered a single encounter;
- (4) Physical or occupational therapy (PT/OT). If this service is also performed on the same date of service as the medical encounter that determined the need for PT/OT (initial referral), then it is considered a single encounter;
- (5) Administration of immunizations. If no other medical office visit occurs on the same date of services; and

(6) Tobacco cessation limited to state plan services. If no other medical or addiction encounter occurs on the same date of service.

(f) I/T/U outpatient encounters for CDIB eligible ~~Medicaid~~ SoonerCare recipients members whether medical, dental, or behavioral health, are not subject to prior authorization. Other ~~state plan~~ State Plan covered services that the I/T/U facility chooses to provide but which are not part of the I/T/U encounter are subject to all applicable ~~Medicaid~~ SoonerCare regulations which govern the provision and coverage for that service.

317:30-5-1099. I/T/U service limitations

Service limitations governing the provision of all Oklahoma ~~Medicaid~~ SoonerCare services will apply pursuant to Chapter 30 of the OHCA rules. In addition, the following limitations and requirements apply to services provided by I/T/U facilities:

(1) **Multiple encounters.** An I/T/U facility may bill for more than one encounter per 24 hour period under certain conditions.

(2) **Behavioral Health services.** Behavioral Health Services are limited to those services furnished to members at or on behalf of the I/T/U facility.

(3) **Laboratory procedures.** Laboratory procedures performed by an I/T/U outpatient facility (not an independently certified enrolled laboratory) are considered part of the health care practitioner's service and are included in the I/T/U encounter.

317:30-5-1100. Inpatient care provided by IHS facilities

The Inpatient hospital per diem rate for inpatient medical care provided by IHS facilities is published annually in the Federal Register or Federal Register Notices. In order to receive the inpatient hospital per diem rate, the IHS or Tribal 638 facility must:

(1) be contracted as a provider with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority; and

(2) appear on the IHS maintained listing of IHS-operated and Indian health care facilities operating under a 638 agreement. It is the sole responsibility of the facility to petition IHS for placement on this list.